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FOR AMBASSADOR HENRY OWEN FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR STRAUSS VISIT TO BRUSSELS

1. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN MEETINGS WITH EC COMMISSION  
PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS AND COMMISSIONERS HAFERKAMP,  
GUNDELACH AND DAVIGNON REACHED AGREEMENT ON A PLAN FOR  
WORKING OUT THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN MTN PACKAGE BY THE  
END OF THIS YEAR. EC COMMISSION WAS VERY POSITIVE AND  
PRAGMATIC IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PUSH ASIDE PROCEDURAL  
ROADBLOCKS THAT HAVE PREVENTED MTN PROGRESS IN THE  
PAST, AND TO DEVELOP A BASIS FOR ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIVE  
RESULTS BY END OF YEAR. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT  
POSITIONS ON MAJOR PROBLEM AREA OF AGRICULTURE ARE  
MUCH CLOSER AND THAT GUNDELACH MEETING WITH BERGLAND  
AND STRAUSS LATER THIS WEEK WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY  
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TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR MOVING AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS  
FORWARD. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS EXTREMELY PLEASED AND  
SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF MEETING. AT END OF DAY,  
STRAUSS AND HAFERKAMP TOLD AJOINT PRESS CONFERENCE  
THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO A JANUARY 15, 1978 DEADLINE  
FOR HAVING IN PLACE THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A SUBSTANTIAL  
AGREEMENT.

2. KEY ELEMENT OF AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND EC COMMISSION CONCERNED END OF YEAR TARGET FOR WORKING OUT MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A FINAL MTN PACKAGE, INCLUDING (A) A TARIFF PLAN, (B) REQUESTS AND OFFERS FOR AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS AS WELL AS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL NON-TARIFF MEASURES (NTM'S) NOT COVERED BY MULTILATERAL CODES, (C) ACCEPTABLE DRAFT TEXTS FOR ALL NTM CODES AND AGREEMENTS UNDER NEGOTIATION IN MTN.

3. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND EC COMMISSION AGREED THAT SUBCABINET-LEVEL BILATERAL BETWEEN US AND EC ON JULY 15 AND 16 WOULD WORK OUT FURTHER DETAILS OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT POLITICAL LEVEL. EC COMMISSION WILL CONSULT WITH MEMBER STATES DURING WEEK OF JULY 18 TO REACH INTERNAL EC CONSENSUS ON PLAN FOR MOVING MTN FORWARD, INCLUDING DATES FOR COMPLETING INTERMEDIATE TASKS, SUCH AS AGREEMENT ON A TARIFF PLAN, TABLING OF REQUESTS WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS AND NTMS AND WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRIAL NTMS NOT COVERED BY CODES, TABLING OF OFFERS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ACCEPTABLE DRAFT TEXTS FOR PROPOSED NTM CODES AND REENTS. EC REQUESTED THAT NO MENTION BE MADE OF EXCEPTIONS FROM FORMULA TARIFF CUT LEST THIS OPEN UP MEMBER STATE PANDORA BOX. US TEAM AT JULY 15/16 BILATERAL WILL BE LED BY AMBASSADOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOLFF AND EC TEAM WILL BE LED BY SIR ROY DENMAN, EC DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4. FOLLOWING SUB-CABINET LEVEL BILATERAL, US AND EC WILL SEEK AGREEMENT OF OTHER MTN PARTICIPANTS ON AGREED PLAN FOR MOVING FORWARD. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT PART OF PLAN WILL COME ON JULY 19, WHEN GROUP AGRICULTURE WILL MEET IN GENEVA. US WOULD EXPECT GROUP AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT A REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURE FOR GETTING NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY IN THAT AREA. ON JULY 22 US WOULD EXPECT THE NTM PARENT GROUP TO ADOPT A SIMILAR REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURE FOR NTMS NOT COVERED BY MULTILATERAL CODES. HINTON

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